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pointed at the meeting held on January 24. The council had not wished the committee to receive the reply. The chairman said there had been a misunderstanding in the matter, as he had not made such promise. After a long discussion, Mr. Pembroke Stephens, K.C., announced that the reply would be sent on condition that it was kept secret until the meeting, and, on the suggestion of Mr. Cecil Raleigh, the meeting was fixed for the following Friday at 4:30, when the council met the committee. The chairman, on being asked whether the fellows were liable for the debts of the society, stated that the question was open to doubt, but he believed that in any case the liability of the individual would not be more than £15. Mr. Cecil Raleigh asked that legal opinion should be taken on the subject; at present the position was so bad that the society could not meet a demand for £500 for debentures, which had for sixteen days been ignored. The situation was precarious and serious, not only for the fellows, but for those who in the future might be elected. The accounts ought to be made up and placed upon the table. The chairman, in reply, said that the money was in the bank to meet the present call, and promised that a financial statement should be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Goodsall stated that but for the action of Prebendary Barker, Mr. Cecil Raleigh and Mr. Rubinstein, the extra guinea subscription would have been passed, and the society's finances put on a satisfactory basis.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE extensive and valuable collection of fossils and minerals made by James Hall, for more than fifty years state geologist of New York, has been presented to the University of Chicago by Mr. John D. Rockefeller.

AT the annual meeting of the alumni of Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., \$20,000 was raised for the completion of New South College. Towards this sum Secretary Root, Chauncey A. Truax and Henry Harper Benedict, of New York, each contributed \$3,000.

AT the Johns Hopkins University the following appointments have been made: Joseph C. W. Frazer, Ph.D., now assistant, to be associate in chemistry; Solomon F. Acree, Ph.D., now Johnston scholar, to be associate in chemistry; Edward W. Berry, to be assistant in paleontology; August H. Pfund, Ph.D., to be assistant in physics; Arthur S. Loevenhart, M.D., now associate, to be associate professor of pharmacology and physiological chemistry; William W. Ford, M.D., now associate, to be associate professor of bacteriology and lecturer on hygiene; Max Broedel, now instructor, to be associate professor of art in its relation to medicine; Arthur W. Meyer, M.D., now assistant, to be instructor in anatomy; Robert Retzer, M.D., now assistant, to be instructor in anatomy; George H. Whipple, M.D., now assistant, to be instructor in pathology; J. A. English Eyster, M.D., now assistant, to be instructor in physiology; Ralph Stayner Lillie, Ph.D., Johnston scholar in physiology, and Robert Ervin Coker, Ph.D., Bruce fellow in biology.

THE following appointments have been made at the University of Wisconsin: Seth E. Moody, instructor in analytical chemistry; Dr. Caleb A. Fuller, instructor in bacteriology; A. R. Johnson, assistant in organic chemistry; Charles T. Vorhies, assistant in zoology.

BY the resignation of Professor E. H. Gregory, who has been the head of the department, the chair of anatomy in the Northwestern University Medical School has been recently made vacant. It is likely that this professorship, which embraces embryology and histology, will be filled during the summer.

DR. WILLIAM SHIRLEY BAYLY has resigned his position as instructor in geology at Lehigh University, to accept the position of assistant professor of geology in the University of Illinois.

ON account of the resignation of Professor L. C. Hodson, who has accepted a position in the Iowa State College, the position of associate professor of mining at the University of Kansas is vacant.